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Dover Gets A Blizzard

London, Feb. 2.
A blizzard whipped along by a south-east gale swept the Straits of Dover and Southern England to-day, but temperatures generally were above freezing in the British Isles.
A Great Western Railway snow-plough which had cleared the Princetown line was itself snowed up on Dartmoor on its return journey to Yelverton. Men walked through the drifts to Princetown for help.—United Press.

PALESTINE EVACUATION BEGINS

Jerusalem, Feb. 2.
The first 40 British women and children to be evacuated from Palestine are to leave Lydda airport at midnight to-night in Trans-Continental and Western Airlines Sky-masters.
They will call at Paris on their way to London, where they are due to arrive to-morrow morning.
The cost of passage for each person is £70 which is stated authoritatively, will be paid by the Palestine Government.
Forty Royal Air Force Dakota transport planes are arriving at Lydda airport to-morrow to assist the evacuation of British women and children, it was learned from a most reliable source to-night.

PRESS "UNESSENTIAL"
An Official warning was given to-day to British press correspondents in Palestine that they are not classified as "essential" and therefore should leave the country.
This is regarded as yet another example of the emergency measures being issued without serious thought of their implications and where zeal has completely outweighed all sense of proportion.

British correspondents have strongly protested to the local authorities regarding the official attitude. It is felt to be inconceivable at such time that representatives of the British press—many of whom were frontline correspondents—should be told that they should leave and that risk.
It is believed here that most urgent representations are to be made in London on the matter. The attitude adopted to British correspondents can be taken as a commentary on the methods being applied here.

The circumstances in which they have found themselves classified as "not essential" are not.
Mr. Richard Stubbs, Public Information Officer, called an extraordinary press meeting of all correspondents at 2 p.m. (local time) on Friday, at which the general evacuation order was read out.
Questions and answers followed and then Mr. Stubbs requested all British correspondents to remain behind. He made a statement to the effect that the Government advised newspaper correspondents to remain behind.
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EDITORIAL

Wholesale Marketing Scheme

EVER since the Hongkong Government, determined to see that the New Territories farmers were given full encouragement to develop their land so that the public would not go short of vegetables, introduced the wholesale marketing scheme, a group of vested interests has deuced the scheme, a group of vested interests has deuced the scheme, a group of vested interests has deuced the scheme.

Before the war, the relationship of these interests to the farmers and consumers was that of voracious middlemen, whose positive contribution to the welfare of the primary producer or the public was nil. The introduction of the wholesale vegetable marketing scheme saw their elimination, and they have been snapping and snarling in rage and desperation ever since. First they attacked the marketing plan on the grounds that it was simply a continuation of the hated Japanese system of coercive monopoly. When it was manifestly clear this argument could not be sustained they shifted their ground to the allegation that the farmers were worse off than under the pre-war methods of marketing.

Nobody would pretend that the wholesale marketing scheme has yet fully achieved its objective of giving the farmers the best possible prices for their vegetables and at the same time making produce available to the public at something approaching pre-war rates—but the scheme has done this: it has made possible the rapid rehabilitation of farmers in the New Territories which in turn has meant a greater abundance of vegetables for the housewife. Basically, the wholesale marketing plan has proved to be practicable, and its benefits are incomparably greater than its present weaknesses.

Chamber Of Commerce Carrying Out Survey Of Clerical Salaries

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is carrying out a survey with a view to finding out the average wages European firms in Hongkong are paying to certain categories of their staffs.
The survey is prompted by the interest of the heads of two or three large business establishments who are keen to discover what are reasonable salaries to pay their employees, and to compare the scale paid by other firms in order that their own salary scale will not cause dissatisfaction among their staffs.

The classes of workers concerned are locally employed stenographers, draughtsmen, clerks (classified into five categories) and the lesser important side of the office staff—telephone operators, messengers, office boys, watchmen and office chauffeurs.

The white collar class is divided into: (a) those capable of holding executive positions, (b) fully trained clerks in responsible positions, (c) trained clerks employed in routine work, (d) junior semi-trained clerks and (e) beginners.
It is understood the Chamber of Commerce has sent out circulars to about 50 firms employing large staffs seeking their views on the question and requesting information concerning detailed incomes of the classes of employees concerned.

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES
Information sought, it is learned, includes basic salaries, high cost of living allowances and rehabilitation allowances (in 1941 as well as the present rate) and the scale of annual increments. To work out the survey, those in charge of the survey will consider other additional means of income either in kind or service, such as free medical attention, house allowance or quarters, holiday entitlements plus pay, and other miscellaneous advantages outside actual cash payments.

How soon a finding will result from the survey will depend on the prompt response to the circular sent out. The work is expected to take about two months.
It is stressed that the survey is based solely on the existing incomes of employees and not on a cost of standard of living now prevailing. The finding will not be influenced by civil servants' rate of pay nor will it take into consideration wages that Chinese firms are paying.

Rumanian Pact With Russia

Bucharest, Feb. 2.
Vice Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs George Tataru told the Foreign Affairs Committee to-day that Rumania would sign a treaty of friendship and mutual assistance with Russia as soon as the peace treaty comes into force.
Rumania, he said, also will enter into similar pacts with other principal United Nations members soon thereafter.
Tataru deplored the fact that the peace treaty denies Rumania reparations from Germany.—United Press.

When the survey is completed, the committee will make recommendations, to members of the Chamber, but these recommendations will not be binding.
The survey, at present, does not include pay of technicians or professional men.

VIET NAMH LOSING GRIP

—French Claim
FROM DOON CAMPBELL

Salgon, Feb. 2.
Though much of northern Indo-China is still the frontier, or "No Man's Land," high Government officials here state that peace and order will be restored as soon as the current military action has succeeded in breaking up the "hard terrorist core" of the Viet Namh Party in northern Indo-China.

Officials said that they had evidence that the 100,000 Viet Namhese who tried to rouse 20 million Annamites into a national uprising were already losing their grip.
The French feel that only by crushing the instigators of the uprising, which began on December 19, can other Annamite leaders emerge to take part in a negotiated settlement on a political basis.

The French have abandoned the idea of again talking terms with the Viet Namh Party. Frenchmen of senior military and political rank reassert: "This is no colonial war—the pre-1939 policy was scuttled at San Francisco."
"We are offering Indo-Chinese self-government as soon as they are ready to accept it."

FRENCH ATTITUDE
The French maintain that there is no fundamental difference between what they are doing in Indo-China and what British are doing in India and Burma, or the Dutch in Indonesia.

Meanwhile, French troops in a surprise counter-attack this afternoon hurled back the Viet Namh forces which had earlier penetrated the French defences ringing the encircled town of Namh Dinh, 80 kilometres south-east of Hanoi, a French News Agency dispatch from Hanoi reported to-day.

The counter-attack also considerably enlarged the French occupied zone in the town.
Viet Namhese were reported to have set fire to nearly a dozen houses and one church as they withdrew. French authorities in Hanoi, according to the French News Agency, feared that this might be the beginning of a "second earth" campaign, announced earlier to-day by the Viet Namh Radio.

All able-bodied Frenchmen over 18 in Hanoi were notified to-day that they must be required to serve in the armed "Security Corps".—Reuter.

STILL MISSING
Hanoi, Feb. 2.
The French authorities here have still not received word of the 49 missionaries who are alleged to have been seized by Viet Namhese during the Indo-China fighting.

The French Mission at Than Hoa in northern Tongking was cut off by Viet Namhese troops on December 19 and no news of its 25 missionaries has been received since then.
Another mission of 20 was raided by Viet Namhese at Vinh, 150 kilometres south of Hanoi, on December 20, since when the missionaries have not been heard from. Also, two Canadian priests who attempted to pass through the Viet Namhese lines into encircled Namh Dinh last month have disappeared.—Reuter.

Pacific Coast Ship Runs Aground

San Francisco, Feb. 3.
The steamer Alaska, a passenger vessel plying between Seattle and the Alaskan ports, ran aground yesterday in Prince William Sound.
The Alaska reduced for immediate help, the Coast Guard announced. The ship reported that both its forward holds were flooded. She normally carries 300 passengers.—Associated Press.

Trial Verdicts Today

Hamburg, Feb. 2.
Seven women and eight men, formerly on the staff of the Ravensbrueck concentration camp, where 5,000 women are said to have been murdered in gas chambers, will to-morrow have verdicts pronounced on them after a two months' trial at the war crimes court here.

Captain Winkelmann, S.S. doctor charged with selecting gas chamber victims, will be missing among the accused since he died of a heart attack last Friday.

Special groups of war crimes investigators are still hunting for the camp commandant, S.S. officer Suhren, who escaped from prison while awaiting trial.

Witnesses of nearly a dozen nationalities have given evidence of tortures, beatings and "human guinea pig" operations conducted at Ravensbrueck.—Reuter.

BRITAIN MUST WORK HARDER—Dalton

Socialism Threatened

London, Feb. 3.
Shivering Britons still short of food, clothes and houses after seven years of austerity living, were warned by government and business leaders alike yesterday that they must work harder lest the British experiment in socialism and in still greater economic distress.

Speaking at Newcastle, hub of the newly-nationalised coal industry, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton told the Nation bluntly that it was living on borrowed money and must produce more goods for export or face a lower standard of life and more unemployment.

Dalton spoke at the great Austin motor works at Birmingham employing 17,000 prepared to shut down to-day for an indefinite period owing to lack of fuel and other industrial plants in the Midlands went on short time. Steel output dropped 15 per cent below the planned level because of fuel cuts.

The Westminster Bank Limited said in its annual report that "we have not yet moved very far along the road to recovery" and put the blame on repressive and imposed by the Labour Government on the "prevailing psychological attitude of our people."

SPIRIT OF APATHY

"A spirit of apathy, of disinclination to exert oneself pervades the whole community" the report said, adding "we must work and speedily... it is the hard way to our salvation but there is no other."

Lord Kemsley's Sunday Chronicle said members of Parliament, including key Labourites, were discussing the possibility that conditions leading to the Government's resignation "may well develop during the next three months."

STOP PRESS

Test Match

Hot and steamy weather greeted the players when Australia this morning resumed her first innings in the fourth test, 438 runs behind England, with eight wickets in tact.
Several of the English fieldsmen wore white felt hats to protect themselves against the sun.

In the first 15 minutes, Hassett and Morris advanced Australia's score from 24 to 32, Hassett being 5 not out and Morris 13.—United Press.

By 11 a.m., Hongkong time, the score had been advanced to 51 for 2, Morris not out 27, Hassett not out 8, extras 4. This meant the batsmen had been scoring at about a run a minute.—Reuter.

Later, 58 for 2, Morris not 30, Hassett not 12.—Reuter.
Later, 73 for 2, Morris not 40, Hassett not 17, Extras 4.—Reuter.

Fears Of Civil War In India During Next Few Months

Calcutta, Feb. 2.
Impartial opinion in India believes that the critical period of the country's struggle between Hindu and Moslem factions will come within the next several months, possibly during the first half of 1947.

Answers to the question of "will there be civil war in India?" are reserved. It is pointed out that the fighting beginning in August was in reality civil war because it involved the bitterest kind of hand-to-hand conflict by large numbers having opposing political and religious precepts. Casualties ran high—into five figures.

Any new flareup of hatred and bloodshed would be simply a continuation of such warfare. Regardless of its scale, it may be considered a form of civil war until an authority capable of maintaining a permanent peace is established.

These are the potent factors of the confused Indian situation:
(1) The fundamental and seemingly irreconcilable differences of the Hindu majority and the Moslem minority and the unwillingness of one to be dominated by the other.

(2) The passionately partisan nature of politics centring in New Delhi, hotbed of conflicting creeds and concepts. There the explosive element of the moment is the framing of a national constitution to which large minority groups have indicated they would not subscribe.

(3) The question of the British position. Nationalist objection to British domination has taken the form of violent demands for immediate relinquishment of all overseas authority. The British stand is that the government will be turned over only when the Indian demonstration of the moment is capable of establishing a popular regime enjoying the confidence of all groups. The question of Dominion status of India is also important.

(4) The firm Moslem demand for Pakistan—autonomous Mohammedan state of states within India. Mr. Jinnah and other Moslem leaders suggest a corridor connecting a geographically divided Pakistan extending clear across India from Sind to Bengal.

RUSSIAN INTEREST

Each issue must be settled if lasting peace is to be restored and obviously a great deal of compromise. One senses that the bitterness, costing at least 10,000 lives in four months, will not be dispelled easily. Russia's attitude toward India is seldom mentioned by Indians but a few say privately they think the Soviet is keenly watching South-east Asia and might play an "opportunistic" role if the situation worsens.

Civil war in India in the atomic age would be fought on a comparatively medieval scale. The only important weapons are in the hands of British and Indian military forces and they could, of course, be used effectively against those having only crude weapons.

The August massacre in Calcutta was carried out largely with such impromptu weapons as knives, daggers, wooden staves, clubs, brickbats, bottles of acid and iron rods of iron. Practically all the firearms used belonged to the police or military.

Illustrating this crudeness of weapons, a Bombay policeman showed a correspondent three homemade darts hurled at him while he was on night patrol in a jeep. They had wooden shafts 18 inches long and three eighths of an inch thick tipped with a thin metal arrowhead ground to a sharp point with cutting edges.

Calcutta's policemen and street car guards carry arm rifles despite the fact the curfew was lifted recently and the city is comparatively quiet. The Sherman tanks of the British still patrol the streets. A British soldier told me the mere presence of the Shermans with their three-inch cannon have been enough to quell disturbances without firing a shot.

He said his men were not hurt during the riots but they worked hard. There is anti-white feeling here but westerners were not molested during the private war between Hindus and Moslems.—United Press.

Chiang Flies To Hsuechow

Nanking, Feb. 3.
Official sources said Chiang Kai-shek had flown to Hsuechow and spent the day inspecting defences of the northern Kiangsu province, which had been closely threatened by Communists.

It was said the flight was made with usual secrecy. The President had a conference with General Cheng Chang, who personally directed the Hsuechow defence.

The city is an important centre of arsenals, airbase and railways.—Associated Press.

LISBON AIR CRASH

Faulty Radio Believed To Be Cause

Lisbon, Feb. 2.
Aircraft officials here believe that the radio was out of order in the Air France Dakota airliner which crashed on the mountainside north-west of Lisbon yesterday, in a thick fog, and that five minutes before the aircraft was due to land at Lisbon airport the radio equipment broke down completely.

This belief was strengthened by an entry in the aircraft's log book saying "January 30. Shortly after landing at Geneva the radio was not working."

Airport officials stated to-day: Soon after the plane first made contact, the airport radio operator asked the pilot for his position, but the only reply was "okay".
The last message received from the aircraft shortly before it was due to land was "have 30 minutes' fuel left".

The airport transmitted landing instructions for over one hour but the plane did not answer.

Visible in the evening was poor and outskirts of Lisbon were shrouded in fog.
It is thought that the pilot completely lost his bearings over Cintra, northwest of Lisbon and had insufficient fuel to clear the mountains. It is also believed the pilot was possibly misled by Cape Roca lighthouse on the coast below the spot where the plane crashed, the light of which he may have mistaken in the fog for Cintra airport.

Eugene Leonard, the only survivor of the aircraft's 16 occupants, was officially reported out of danger to-day and his condition was stated to be very satisfactory.

He is suffering only from burns and shock and in spite of the distance he was thrown when the plane crashed he suffered no fractures.
He still does not know his wife was killed in the crash. He was recently married and was travelling to Lisbon with his wife to spend their honeymoon on the coast west of Lisbon, near where he now lies in hospital.—Reuter.

ONLY ONE SURVIVOR
Serra Cintra (Portugal), Feb. 2.
Rescue workers early this morning recovered the last charred body of (Continued on Page 4)

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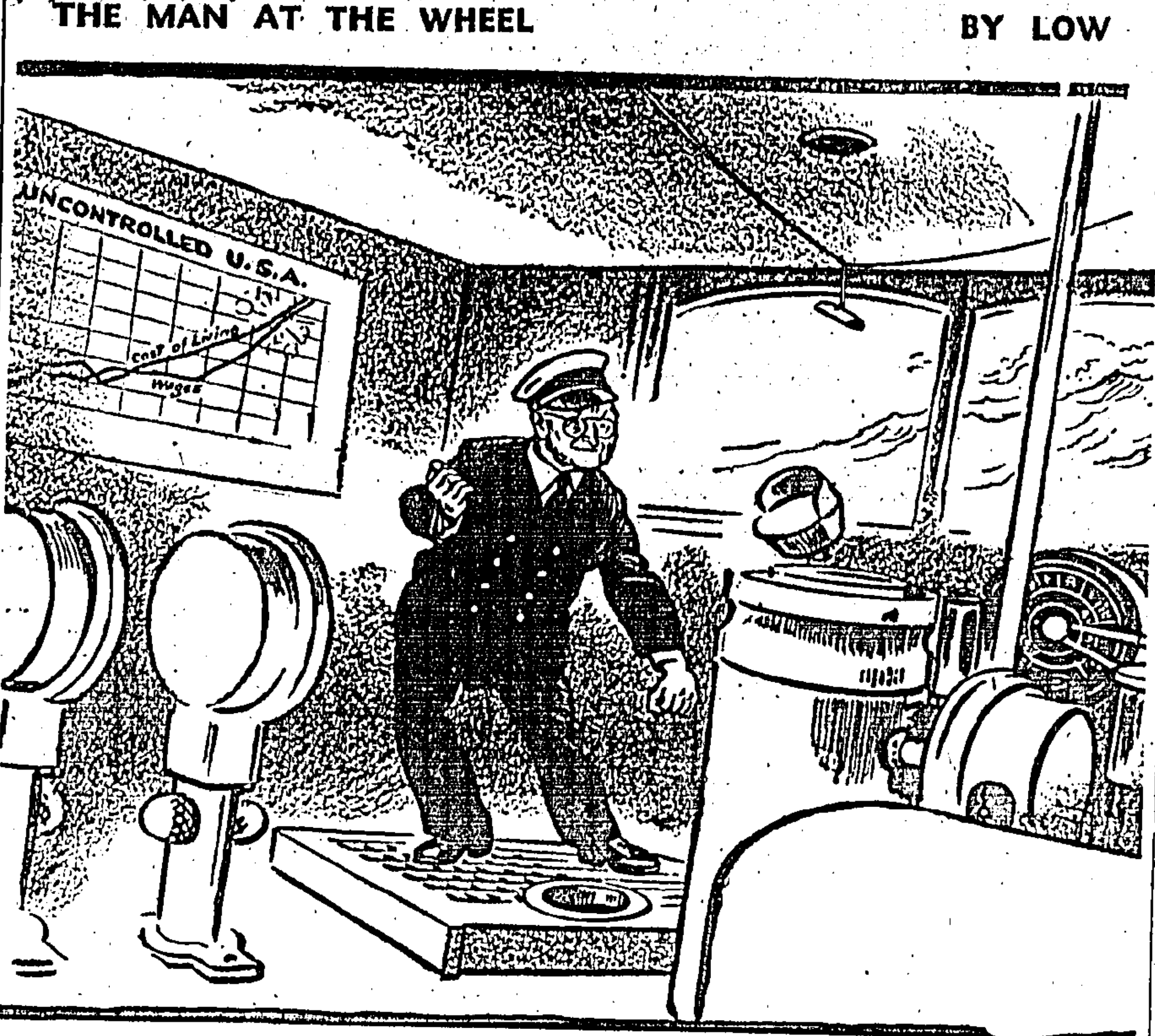
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WORLD WITHOUT BABIES

RAPIDLY climbing into the best-seller class among novels in America is Mr Adam, a fantasy about a world without babies.

There are no babies because gamma alpha and beta rays released by the explosion of an atom plant in Mississippi had swept round the world with the speed of light, and deprived the world's men of their power to become fathers—all, at least, but one. He is Homer Adam, who gives his name to the book.

The scientists say that gamma ray can have such an effect. And the author of the book, Mr Pat Frank, an American newspaperman, takes the threat very seriously, though he disguises his warning with fruity jokes. His technique is to make the reader laugh before making him shudder.

"Mr Adam" is published by The J. B. Lippincott Company, of Philadelphia.

THINGS HAPPEN

MR FRANK starts with the thesis that it was no hardship for Mississippi to blow up "because nobody really missed Mississippi." But the "harmful rays and particles and obscure variations" are released, and a reporter, Stephen Decatur Smith, reports—no more babies after the end of the year. Then things start happening.

In Boston, Massachusetts, home of staid Conservatism, an eminent churchman hauled from his bed by the local Press denounces the whole thing as a vicious hoax.

There are riots in Paris. In London the King speaks over the BBC to reassure the Empire that HM Government are "taking steps."

In U.S.A. the President urges America to be calm. Moscow cuts itself off from the world and retires behind its iron curtain.

Madrid suspects a plot.

CLASSIFIED. 4F

THEN some startling news is flashed to Smith. A couple in a town near New York are having a baby months after the deadline. The father of the baby is Mr Adam.

He had been classified for the Army as 4F, the lowest physical rating. But he had happened to be deep in a lead mine at the time of the explosion and so had escaped the harmful rays.

First, Congress wrangles long and bitterly over policy. Then comes a tug of war between the National Research Council (physicists) and the National Refertilisation Project (doctors). A third powerful group insists that Mr Adam is international, and should be turned over to the United Nations.

The National Refertilisation Project finally gets him.

There is no official comment from Moscow. But Pravda prints an oblique statement emphasising that "it is possible for America to make amends for the catastrophe." But thus far, she complains, the United States "has not approached the Soviet Union directly."

Can gamma-rays released by atom-bomb explosions sterilise potential fathers? An American author has written a fact-based fantasy on this theme which all America is reading. Here is an account of his book, by EVELYN WEBBER

He was now the only man in the world capable of producing babies. From this point the story is uproarious. The nations clamour for first rights in Mr Adam.

Women who never dreamed of having babies suddenly insist on becoming mothers. The American Army yells for priority. The Navy presses its claims. And what about the scientists? scream the scientists.

The Government want to make Mr Adam Public Property Number One. The Army wants to keep him a military secret, and secure possession of him. Mr Adam is labelled (via the Joint Chiefs of Staff) as "vital strategic Government property." He is handed over to the Eastern Defence Command for security.

The War Department want to insure him with gold in a vault at Fort Knox. But the Surgeon General decides against this.

MILITARY ASSET

MR ADAM is inoculated by the Army and taken to Washington. Through it all he protests feebly that all he wants is to be left alone. He visualises a world populated with children all resembling him (he is very tall and thin and has red hair).

But he has now become as much a military asset as the atom bomb itself.

WOULD-BE MOTHERS

WASHINGTON then takes the scene. All its red-tape bureaucracy, smugness, and fumbling are laid bare.

Letters pour into Washington—from The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Moslem League and the American Federation of Labour. The FBI track down a group of scientists who had kidnapped Mr Adam for experimental purposes.

But things come right in the end of course. Somebody discovers that a seaweed preparation repairs the damage the atomic explosion has done.

And so babies start to appear again and all is well.

But the world has a bad check.

UNO'S Future Home Has A History
BY CARLE HODGE

THE 17 acres of slaughter houses and other drab structures, where the United Nations will build their world capital on the east side of New York's Manhattan Island, have figured in making history many times since the Dutch bought the land from the American Indians.

Known as Turtle Bay, from a lost inlet of the East River, the section lies between Kips Bay on the south, where Peter Stuyvesant farmed his famous bowery, and Beekman Hill to the north, site of a colonial homestead and now a fashionable neighbourhood.

In the very heart of the six city blocks given to the United Nations by John D. Rockefeller, the British executed a famed American spy.

As he stood before the hangman, he shouted: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

A fading plaque imbedded in a dingy slaughter house wall now marks the spot where Nathan Hale died.

The Liberty Boys

IMMIGRANTS to America knew the Turtle Bay section well. In the early 1900s they crowded by the thousands around its gates to pay five cents a glass for animal blood which they regarded as a medicine.

History first exploded in Turtle Bay during the revolutionary war with England. During American guerrilla fighters who named themselves the Liberty Boys blew up a British arms dump there. They hastily piled up the breastworks but then were broken by broadsides from His Majesty's men of war bobbing at anchor out in the river.

After the bloody battle of Long Island, bedraggled continental soldiers retreated through Turtle Bay. General George Washington (later the first President of the United States) attempted to end the rout across mid-Manhattan. By the time the retreat reached the present site of the New York public library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, Washington calmed the masses by calling some of the officers "The Army then retired to Harlem Heights (on the northern part of the island, where Columbia University now stands), and on the following day decisively turned back the British.

Industrial Slum

EARLY in the last century, when New York still centred farther down the island, Turtle Bay was split into the sprawling country estates of the local gentry, among them Horace Greeley, who edited the New York Tribune and admonished young Americans to "go west."

But by 1850 the neighbourhood had become an industrial slum. A map that year showed a manure plant on the ground—at the river side or today's 45th Street—where a British munitions warehouse had stood hemmed in by woodlands.

In July, 1863, the city's disastrous civil war conscription riots first flared two blocks away when an angry mob set fire to an Army draft office.

Went Poor

BUT after that final spurt of rowdiness, Turtle Bay lapsed into the struggle to earn daily bread.

Costly apartment houses sprang up on the south and to the north—but Turtle Bay went poor and unkempt, its only distinguishing landmark a great green dome, like that of a southeastern United States' courthouse, atop a building in Abolition Row.

The fate of the drab little neighbourhood which has rested with the Dutch, the English and the Americans now rests with the world itself. —Associated Press.

According To Culbertson
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South in to-day's deal felt that he had been roughly handled by Fate, and in a sense, he was right. Better play on his part, however, would have taken the matter out of Fate's hands!

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A 7 C
♦ J 8 5 4
♦ A Q 10 5
♦ J 3

WEST

♦ Q J 10 8 2
♦ 9 6 3
♦ 7 4 3 2
♦ K

EAST

♦ K 9 6 4
♦ 10 7 3
♦ 8 6
♦ 10 9 8 7

SOUTH

♦ 5
♦ A R Q
♦ K J 8
♦ A Q 6 5 2

The Jiddling:

North South might have reached the six-club contract more "scientifically," but that was unimportant; the only thing that counted was that they did reach it and that it was a sound contract.

West opened the spade queen. The king was up and declarer led the club three to his own queen. He was not greatly disturbed when West smothered this with the king, but the bad news came almost immediately that another trump loser was unavoidable. Whereupon South astrophorized Fate, as mentioned previously.

Granting that it was bad luck to lose one trick to the singleton club king and another to the 10-9-8 combination remaining in East's hand, it is nevertheless true that it would have cost nothing to guard against this very possibility. Let's take a look at South's trump holding in conjunction with the 3-3 in dummy.

Under any circumstances South would have to lose at least one trump trick missing as he was the K-10 9-8-7 of the suit. What was worse, he would have to lose two trump tricks if either defender had started with the king and three others. If this was the case, however, there was nothing to be done about it, so the best plan was simply to forget it. Similarly if clubs broke 3-2 any reasonable line of play would turn out all right, so South could forget about that also. The one position that required thought was the singleton king and to guard against that, South should have led low from dummy and played the ace. If the king dropped the play would be vital; if it didn't, it would cost nothing.

NANCY Just an Old Check Room

By Ernie Bushmiller



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Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



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"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—Is it correct that any church can have a double ring ceremony?—F. L."

Yes, I believe that any wedding ceremony can make use of the double ring ceremony. The idea of the bridegroom wearing a wedding ring isn't new, it has been revived recently and has gained much favour because of men's going away to war.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have such dry skin that the makeup, cream and powder show up!—LOLA L."

WARNING ON SUNGLASSES

Cheap, inferior sunglasses, sales of which are banned in America, have been imported, and are selling like hot cakes in many stores.

A warning to the public against buying these glasses, which can cause eyestrain, headaches, and nervous disorders, was issued recently by the Australian Minister for Health.

A leading Sydney doctor, who strongly advises people to purchase sunglasses only from reputable firms, said of the cheap imports:

"The lens are often not properly ground, and can cause, or aggravate, eye troubles," he said. "When the naked eye is exposed to glare the lens causes the pupil to expand, and if the lens are faulty, the ultra-violet rays penetrate this expanded pupil, which, in effect, becomes sunburned."

A leading eye specialist said that many people did not realise that sunglasses should be worn only to protect the eyes from glare and never indoors, or in electric light.

"The importation of such shoddy rubbish as the glasses so plentifully on display nowadays should be banned in the interests of general health," he said.

A leading optician said that the lenses of many of the low-priced imported glasses were not properly ground. Some, he said, were not made of glass, but of a composition that could cause harm to the eyes.

Why not use a very little oil on your dry skin before applying the foundation cream and use only cleansing cream for cleansing. Soap and water are, I think, wrong for the dry skin. Occasionally a good "purge" by soap and water gives a healthy reaction to the driest skin but it is not for every day.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have red hair but I have a deep suntan. What tint in makeup for me? I got my suntan from a sun lamp."

Your lips and cheeks need copper red and your face powder must match your tan but for harmonising the whole picture I would use a rose powder over the suntan shade and this will give a pretty glow.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Please suggest a gift for an invalid. She is pretty and only 18 years old."

A Beauty Kit would be fine for her. She will enjoy keeping her skin well groomed and applying makeup. Get the best and most complete kit that your budget will allow. And any later gifts should include refills for the kit.

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Here's a quick makeup for hands. Stroke on a soft, velvety makeup cream, then "towel" the hands to remove the excess cream. A drop of perfume in each palm, planning nail polish—and somebody will want to hold your hand!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"If there hadn't been a war, the government wouldn't have sent me to college and we'd never have become engaged—Isn't fate wonderful?"

MUNICH IS CENTRE OF WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Munich has become the centre of a white slave traffic where girls, anxious to leave starving Germany, become the victims of the wiles of unscrupulous theatrical agents.

German girls are queuing up for jobs in music halls and cafes in the Near East. The girls accept the offers with their eyes open and are under no illusion about their ultimate fate.

The rise adopted to get the girls out of Germany is to have them "married" to "displaced persons."

The "displaced persons" are usually Frenchmen or Dutchmen, who have reasons for delaying their return to their native lands. They are paid sums up to £50 for their part in the traffic.

The marriage ceremonies are conducted before a German registrar. The bride and bridegroom usually separate outside the registrar's office and never meet again. How many bigamous marriages have been contracted in this manner it is difficult to estimate.

Months in Refugee Camps

The "newly-wed" girls leave Germany with their foreign passport entitling them to leave the country and travel to the East by way of France or Switzerland.

Those who go through France embark at Marseilles for Beirut or Morocco. The others travel to Switzerland through Italy and proceed from there to Athens, Salonika or Turkey.

Most of the girls come from Germany's eastern provinces and have spent many months in refugee camps, where the conditions are only slightly better than in concentration camps.

They have been pushed from town to town and from province to province until they prefer the promised life in a Levantine music hall to the uncertainty and gloom of postwar Germany.

BRITONS ATE 30,000 HORSES IN 1946

Hungry Britons, starved for meat under the rationing system, have consumed 30,000 horses in the past year.

According to official figures of the Ministry of Agriculture, Britain had 679,000 horses a year ago and to-day the figure is only 647,000.

It is admitted that these horses have gone to supplement the meat ration, although a certain amount of the meat has undoubtedly been fed to greyhounds and hounds.

Breeders are forewarned. They say that, at this rate, in 15 years horses will be as rare as hansom cabs.

Mechanisation on British farms is beginning to push the horse out, and good one to five-year-olds are being slaughtered as well as breeding sires. From Dartmoor and Exmoor in the West Country many wild shaggy ponies are captured and slaughtered for meat.

Rapidly Disappearing

Cornwall is a good example of an agricultural country in which the horse is rapidly disappearing.

Harry Hopkins, of Helston, the only slaughterer in his district, says: "I have killed thousands of horses in the past few years. I used to slaughter 40 a month. I began with hunters when farmers had to plough their grasslands and had no grazing for them."

"When they had gone I began to kill cart colts and young unbroken horses. Now I have started to draw them in from the Devonshire moors."

Most of the horseflesh is sold in the butchers' shops under Ministry of Food inspection. There are two classifications—all unfit for human consumption.

Some of the horsemeat goes to the black market and finds its way into restaurants as steak. There are at least six restaurants in the Fleet St. area of London alone where horsemeat steaks can be obtained.

Troubled Cruise For Errol Flynn

Strife on the ocean wave continues for film star Errol Flynn, now sailing his luxury yacht, Zaca, from America to Cannes.

Latest storm has resulted from his recent cruise in Mexican waters, on which he was joined by Wallace Beery, Junie, and other prominent members of the film colony. A young seaman, who alleges that he was hit in the leg and permanently injured by a harpoon thrown from the Zaca, has issued a damages writ against Flynn.

Appointment With Death By Considerate Widower

When a widower in New Jersey decided to commit suicide, he not only took care to pass out comfortably and definitely, but showed great consideration to others, who might not have the same fatal desires as himself.

The man, Charles Barcus (68), attempted suicide a year ago, but on that occasion he failed. In the latest attempt, his body was found in the leakproof chamber into which he had converted his garage.

It was found fully dressed where Barcus had sat comfortably in a rocking chair after having started his car so that it would give off deadly fumes. On the wall was a sign which read: "Danger. No smoking. Notify the police!"

Jews Shatter War Romance

Because her fiance's parents—American Jews—hate the British, Anne Money, a 25-year-old cinema usherette, has returned to England by air unmarried, but determined to try again to marry the man of her choice.

A little over two months ago she went via Denmark and Sweden to America, where her fiance, Morton Greenwald, was waiting for her in Chicago. They expected to be married a few days later.

"When I arrived," Miss Money said, "I found his parents hate the British because of the Palestine business."

Met at Dance
"They told him that if he married me, any other British girl, they would have nothing more to do with him. So I decided to come home."

"It was my idea. Morton didn't want me to leave. There were tears in his eyes when he saw me off. But I thought it was the best thing to do in the circumstances."

Miss Money, whose home is at Gravesend (Essex), met Greenwald in 1943 at a dance, when he was with the US forces. He returned to Chicago 18 months ago, and they wrote to each other every day until she left for the United States.

Radium Paint Brought Death After 27 Years

Mrs Albina Larice, 52, died in New York recently because 27 years ago she worked in a job in which she used her tongue to moisten a brush.

Her job was to paint a radium solution on watch dials, to make them luminous.

Mrs Larice is the last of 29 women workers in one factory to die from the same disease.

Two of the others were her sisters. Doctors discovered, in the early 1920's, that the radium caused a bone disease.

Five of the women affected by the disease, including Mrs Larice, brought a suit against the factory management.

Each woman received £3,120, a pension of £180 a year during disability, and medical expenses for life.

Fifteen workers died of the disease before Mrs Larice and her four co-workers brought the suit.

U.S. BIRTH RATE GOING UP

The United States Office of Vital Statistics has estimated that in the first nine months of 1946, 2,239,000 American babies were born, about one per cent more than in the comparable period of 1945, a record year when 2,234,500 births were registered.

Also, records showed that during the same nine months, 595,289 marriage licences were issued in cities having populations of 100,000 or more. That is more than the 594,908 licences issued during 1945, the previous record year.—Associated Press.

Alcohol Good For Smokers' Heart

For smokers with heart disease the best antidote is alcohol, said Pennsylvania cardiologist Professor Dr William Stroud, at an American College of Physicians conference.

The reason—alcohol dilates the arteries. "We believe it dilates the little blood vessels supplying the heart muscle with blood," added Stroud.

He envisaged smokers with heart disease "going through life with a cigar in one hand, a highball in the other."

Stroud explained further: "I do not mean to get plastered. You have to take your conscience into consideration."

From the listening College of Physicians there came no comment.



HUNT FOR LOOTED ART OBJECTS

The American army's art hunters in Europe have nearly finished their prolonged discovery job, but the task of restoring art treasures and other valuables to their prewar owners may never be finished.

Eighteen months after the end of the European war, they have returned to legal owners more than 200,000 works of art which the Nazis took for themselves.

R. F. Howard, Chief of the Fine Arts Branch of American Military Government, claimed that the most important art abductions have now been solved, and there are "no world-famous masterpieces missing that we know of," says United Press.

Howard admitted he still has more than 40,000 claims on file and estimate that victimised Europeans would file another 60,000 with his office in the next year.

Much Destroyed
Former director of a Dallas museum, Howard freely predicted that many of the still-missing objects will never be found because of wartime destruction and thorough-going Allied looting.

Still to be catalogued and sorted are hundreds of thousands of art treasures "ranging from Chinese tear-drop vases to huge murals," piled up at two collecting points at Munich and Wiesbaden.

Howard estimated that the 200,000 objects stored in Munich are worth \$200,000,000, but declined to name the value of the Wiesbaden collection. It is approximately two-thirds as large, "but far more valuable."

Citizens of countries once occupied by Germans who are still hunting for their precious items have little chance of finding them in American custody, Howard said, because, "at least 85 per cent of what we have now is legitimately German."—United Press.

SCREAMING GIRL'S LEAP AT NIAGARA

Screaming, "Let me go. I don't want to live," an unidentified 19-years-old girl fought rescuers who sought to dislodge her battered body which was imprisoned between rocks in Niagara Gorge.

Brought up the steep embankment in a funeral director's basket suspended by a rope from an aerial truck ladder, the badly-injured and screaming girl was removed to hospital in an ambulance.

In addition to a fractured skull, and deep brush burns caused by friction as she hurtled down the gorge, she was suffering from a broken arm and elbow and internal injuries.

"I jumped into the gorge because I was tired of living," she told hospital attendants.

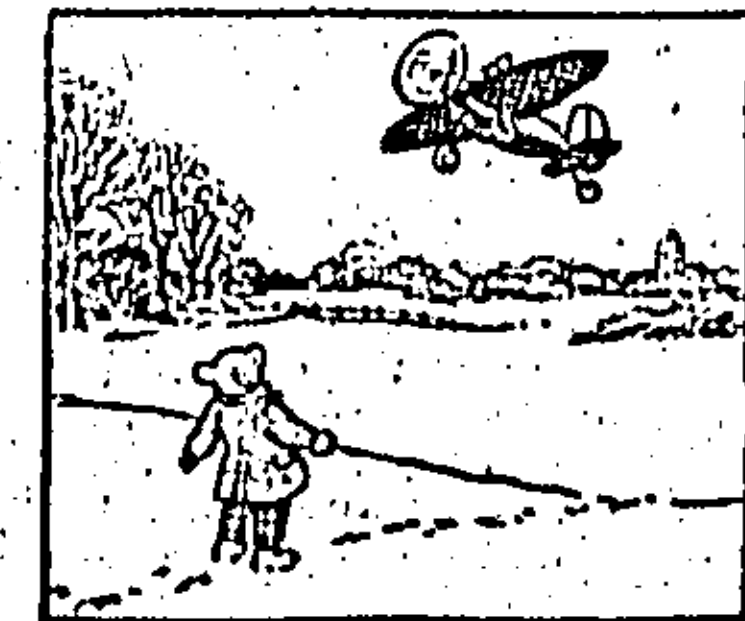
MASS PROTEST BY JAPANESE WOMEN

One thousand Japanese women recently demonstrated outside the metropolitan police station in Tokyo. They demanded that police "cease treating all women as bad women."

The demonstration was a sequel to the police campaign against street women.

The demonstrators presented their demands to the police chief's aide. The police chief was absent.

Rupert and Ninky—25



Rupert thinks for a moment. "There's nothing to be done except to follow the tracks that lead away from the hedge," he thinks, and he sets off to find out who has taken Ninky. He trots swiftly over the snow, but before he has gone far another surprise awaits him, for there is a curious whirling noise and a little plane rises from behind a slope and shoots over his head. "That doesn't sound like a real plane," says Rupert. "And it's too big for a toy. Whatever can it be doing here?"

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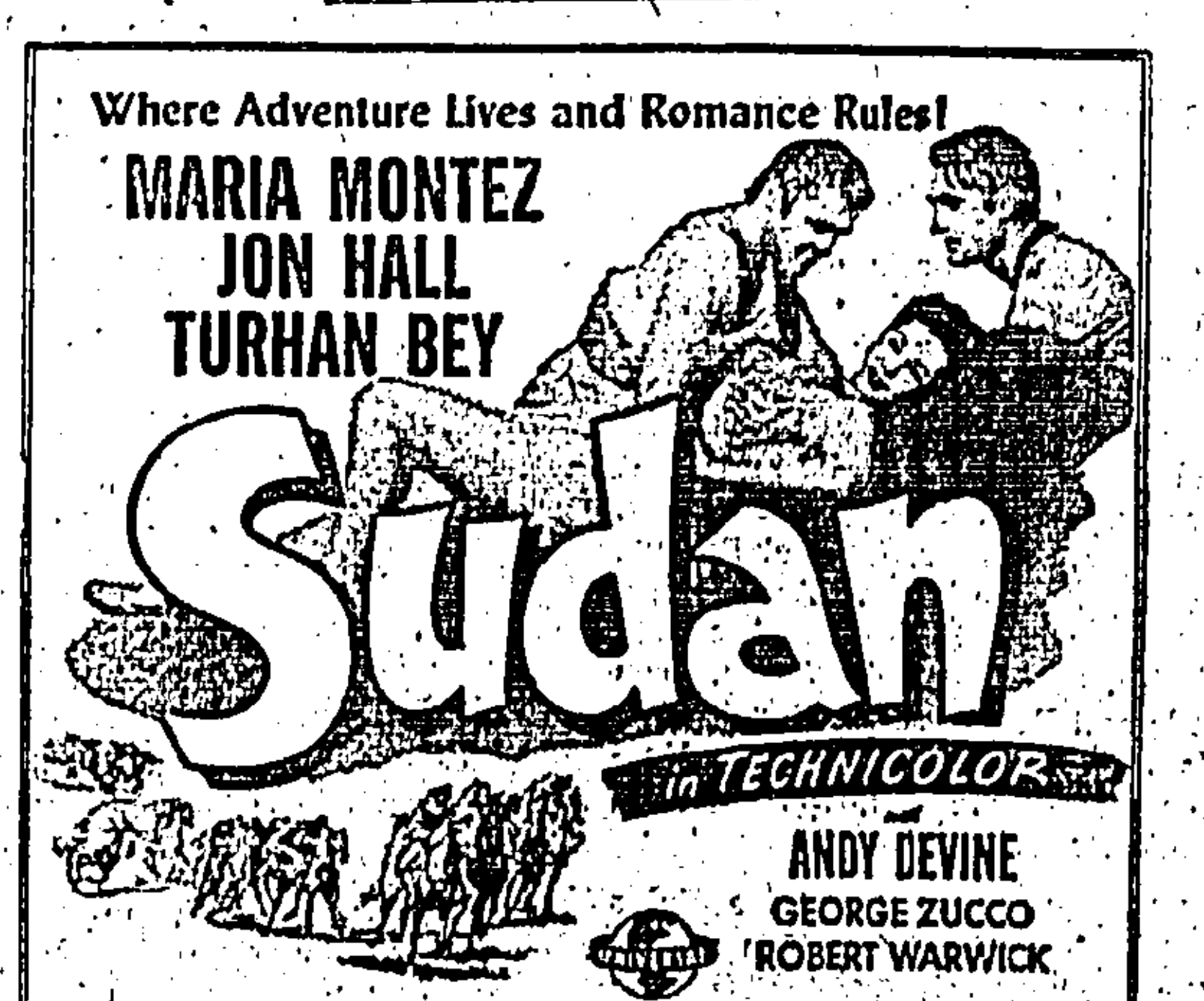


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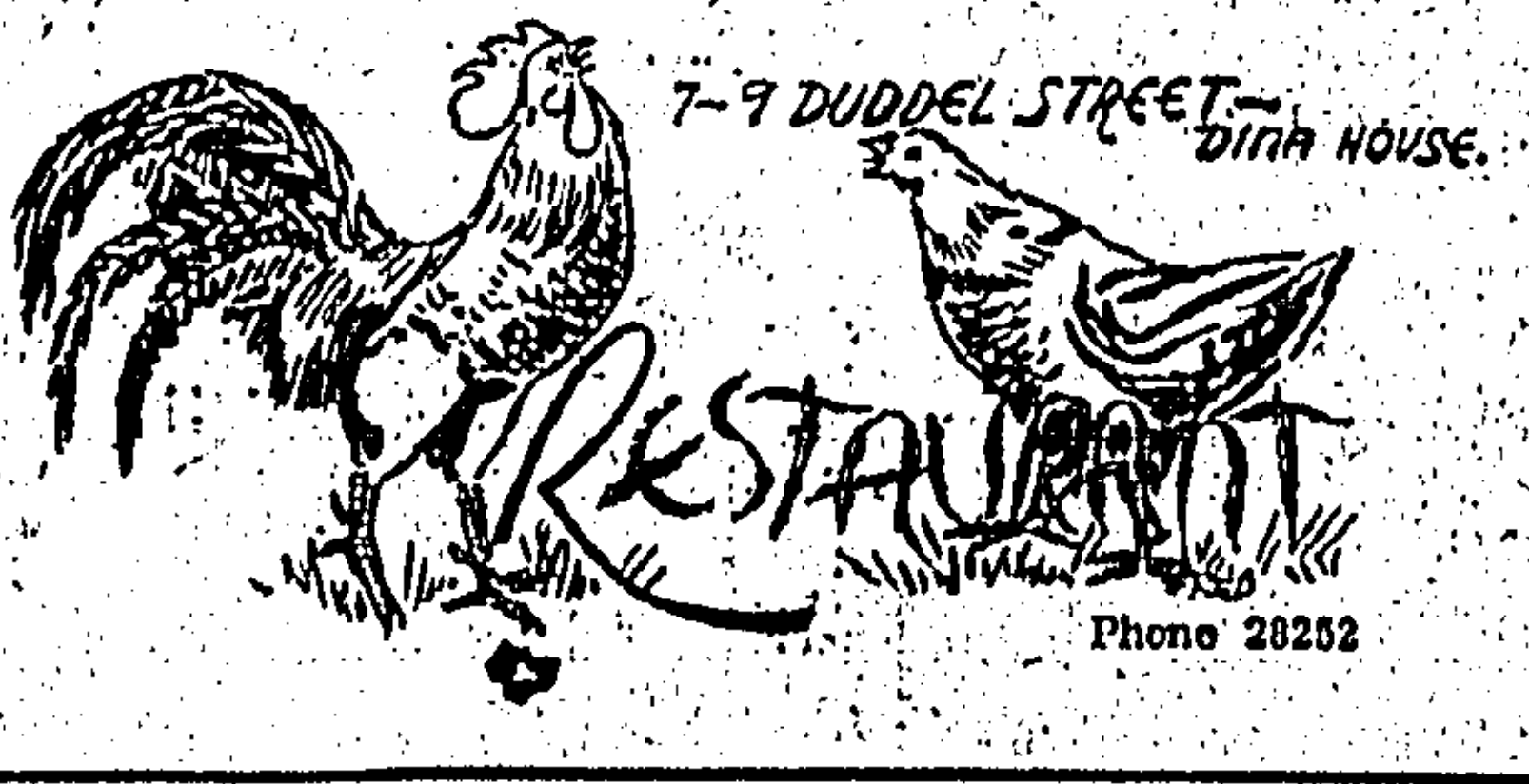
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Tuscon, Arizona, Feb. 3. Jimmy Demaret successfully defended his Tuscon open golf title by posting a record by breaking 204 to win the first money in the \$10,000 event. Ben Hogan finished three strokes behind Demaret.—Associated Press.

South-west Africa, but suggested incorporating that territory into the United Nations trusteeship system. The United States may have been the decision reached by the Assembly on the question of the Indian minority in South Africa.

"Having convinced himself that he would not be able to exploit the

scuted people, Smuts is to renounce the United Nations organization and intends to go against the General Assembly's decision regardless of the United Nations' opinion. Under a United Nations member, and therefore obliged, firstly, to respect, and secondly, to carry out, its decisions," the paper says.—Reuter.

...relling over the town in a fog at about 7 p.m. The plane sounded like flying very low although he could not see it until five minutes later, just as it crashed into a mountain peak, 13 kilometres away. He telephoned the fire department and men rushed to the scene without waiting for help.—United Press.

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